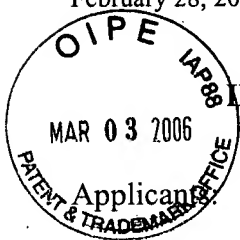


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	6	MINUS	* 20	0
INDEP	2	MINUS	** 3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$100	\$
+	\$180	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$50	\$
X	\$200	\$
+	\$360	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

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Actual Sheets (Including current amendment)	Highest No. of Sheets Paid For (At least 100)	No. of Additional Units Required (Increments of 50 sheets)

SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$125	\$[]

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$250	\$[]

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Petition for Extension of Time

- [X] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Reply dated September 8, 2005, for three months from December 8, 2005, to March 8, 2006. The appropriate fee is set forth below.
- [] [For action-specific language in an extension of time, go to insert, file, public folders, firm templates, and select the appropriate paragraph.]

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Respectfully submitted,

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